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# National Infrastructure Advisory Council (NIAC)

## Intelligence Coordination Working Group

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## Overview

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## Purpose

Develop policy recommendations that ensure:

- ▣ Intelligence Community (IC) (including Law Enforcement) understands private sector's Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) domain expertise, intelligence requirements, and dissemination capabilities
- ▣ Private sector understands IC responsibilities, objectives and processes in CIP, especially regarding threat assessments
- ▣ Improvements in IC and private sector community interaction and optimum contribution to CIP are understood and considered by policymakers

## Actions

- ▣ Hosted three IC–private sector CIP working sessions with key representatives and working-level staff to analyze and validate requirements and draft findings
- ▣ Circulated Issue Papers for comment and initial recommendation ideas for key issues identified in the working sessions
- ▣ Analyzing IC and private sector requirements; developing key findings
- ▣ Engaging with Law Enforcement to clarify roles and interactions with the private sector for domestic coordination

## Initial Findings

- ❑ National-level fusion center is required to:
  - Gather, analyze, and disseminate information and intelligence relevant to critical infrastructure protection
- ❑ Trusted relationships are key to effective critical infrastructure protection
  - Key owners and operators develop relationships with key IC analysts
  - Educate the IC analysts about U.S. critical infrastructures
  - Leverage private sector expertise for better analysis as appropriate
- ❑ Need streamlined Request For Information (RFI) mechanism
  - Improve open and timely exchange of information between the IC and the private sector
- ❑ Special information protection needs for IC and private sector
  - Need for a common sensitive (unclassified) information protection mechanism across the private sector and IC
  - Need to improve dissemination of classified information

## Next Steps

- ❑ Review and consolidate comments on Issue Papers
- ❑ Map requirements to existing capabilities
- ❑ Develop conclusions and recommendations
- ❑ Write and review final report

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# Discussion

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▣ Questions?

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